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The Language Instinct: How the Mind Creates Language

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Professor Steven Pinker is Professor in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences and Director of the McDonnell-Pew Center for Cognitive Science at MIT. He was born in Montreal and received his B.A. in Psychology at McGill University (1976) and his Ph.D. at Harvard University (1979). He is the author and/or editor of seven books, mainly on language acquisition and cognition, notably *Language Learnability and Language Development* (1984), *Learnability and Cognition: The Acquisition of Argument Structure* (1989), and most recently, *The Language Instinct* (1994). His academic honours and awards include the Boyd R. McCandless Young Scientist Award, the *Esquire* Register of Outstanding Men and Woman Under Forty, and The William James Book Award by the American Psychological Association. He is on the editorial board of major journals in cognitive science and psychology, and has delivered numerous keynote addresses to conferences in the United States, Europe, and Japan.



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